

DRAFTING THE PLATFORM.

THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' STRUGGLE IN THE COMMITTEE.

After the 18-1-1 Declaration People Had Won They Adopted a Resolution That Imperialism Was the Chief Issue and Shunted Free Silver to the End of the Platform—Principles of the Chicago Platform of 1898 Rather Than the Platform Itself—Adopted Change Made at the Last Plank—The Pan-American Exposition Thrown Out—Hill's Comment on Van Wyck's Statement When It Was Decided to Make No Contest.

KANSAS CITY, July 5.—For twenty-four hours beginning at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention met to draft the platform, the committee was engaged in a struggle which was the most bitter and the most important of the convention. The committee was divided into two camps, the one favoring the platform of 1898, and the other favoring a new platform. The committee was divided into two camps, the one favoring the platform of 1898, and the other favoring a new platform. The committee was divided into two camps, the one favoring the platform of 1898, and the other favoring a new platform.

Then after making the free silver plank the subject of discussion, and in fact, the only subject of controversy or debate the committee at the suggestion of the men who advocated a dodging programme adopted a plank to the effect that imperialism, which had not been a moment's consideration in the committee, should be the paramount issue of the campaign. The platform of 1898, which had been the subject of discussion, was adopted, and the committee was divided into two camps, the one favoring the platform of 1898, and the other favoring a new platform.

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The vote as finally announced just before 8 o'clock this morning, after a continuous session of eight hours, was:

FOR THE SIXTY-ONE TO ONE DECLARATION.
Alabama.....Tomlinson
Arkansas.....Jones
California.....McClure
Colorado.....Adams
Connecticut.....Hart
Delaware.....Hart
Florida.....Hart
Georgia.....Hart
Idaho.....Hart
Illinois.....Hart
Indiana.....Hart
Iowa.....Hart
Kansas.....Hart
Kentucky.....Hart
Louisiana.....Hart
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Mississippi.....Hart
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Nebraska.....Hart
Nevada.....Hart
New Hampshire.....Hart
New Jersey.....Hart
New Mexico.....Hart
New York.....Hart
North Carolina.....Hart
North Dakota.....Hart
Ohio.....Hart
Oklahoma.....Hart
Oregon.....Hart
Pennsylvania.....Hart
Rhode Island.....Hart
South Carolina.....Hart
South Dakota.....Hart
Tennessee.....Hart
Texas.....Hart
Utah.....Hart
Vermont.....Hart
Virginia.....Hart
Washington.....Hart
West Virginia.....Hart
Wisconsin.....Hart
Wyoming.....Hart

As one member tersely expressed the situation as the committee adjourned and fled down to the steps of the Kansas City Club in the gray light of the dawn:

"We have been beaten by the raging and howling of the Democratic wind, and we have surrendered our principles and our common sense to the dictates of one man in his bid for the support of the Populists and the Free Silver troops."

A tabulated statement presented to the committee by Mr. Money of Mississippi, in his attempt to effect the Bryan idea early in the proceedings of the convention, was that of Jones of Arkansas and Stone of Missouri, to the advocacy of the 18-1-1 declaration, although both of them deemed it unwise and impolitic, showed that the votes of the States by which the 18-1-1 declaration was carried represented about one-fifth of the total vote of the convention. But argument and figures were alike futile in the face of the telephone message from Lincoln.

The States whose Committees voted for and against a specific declaration in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, with their electoral votes, are as follows:

Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 8; Colorado, 4; Delaware, 3; Idaho, 3; Maine, 3; Massachusetts, 11; Missouri, 17; Nebraska, 8; Nevada, 3; New Hampshire, 4; North Dakota, 3; South Carolina, 8; Iowa, 13; Kansas, 10; Kentucky, 13; Tennessee, 12; Utah, 4; Vermont, 4; Washington, 4; Wisconsin, 8; Arizona, 6; Indian Territory, 6; New Mexico, 6; Oklahoma, 6; Hawaii, 0. Total electoral vote, 162.

Against—California, 9; Connecticut, 4; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Illinois, 12; Indiana, 15; Louisiana, 12; Maryland, 12; Minnesota, 8; New York, 32; North Carolina, 11; Ohio, 23; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 32; Rhode Island, 4; Mississippi, 8; Texas, 15; Wisconsin, 12. Total electoral vote, 352.

District of Columbia and Montana did not vote. Montana has three votes in the electoral college. The District of Columbia and the Territories have representation on the convention committees, but have no votes in the electoral college.

In the bitterest of their defeat the opposition announced their determination to present a minority report and make the fight against Bryan upon the floor of the convention. St. Clair of West Virginia was the leader of this movement, but it was promptly nipped at the bud by Van Wyck of New York, who said that they should abide by the decision of the committee and sign the majority report. So

FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND THEIR ALLIES.

Populists Say They Will Have No Other Than Towne-Silver Republicans Say They Want Towne—Most of the Democrats Seem to Want Towne, Although There Are Some Out for Stevenson, Smith, Hill and, of Course, Keller—The Silver Boom Astray.

KANSAS CITY, July 5.—A conference over the Vice-Presidential nomination was called at first for 7 o'clock this evening. The convention, however, did not adjourn in time to keep the appointment, and the committee members appointed around word to the Silver Republicans in Mr. Towne's headquarters in the Coates House. The Vice-Presidential nomination was called at first for 7 o'clock this evening. The convention, however, did not adjourn in time to keep the appointment, and the committee members appointed around word to the Silver Republicans in Mr. Towne's headquarters in the Coates House.

It was found, when many members of the Silver Republican Committee as could be found were gathered in, that the chief shortage was in the committee from the Democracy. The convention was still in session. It did not in fact close until a minute before 8 o'clock. Only G. Fred Williams, Senator Tillman and Senator Martin were present for the Democracy. None of them cared to speak for the remainder of the committee. There was some general discussion on the Vice-Presidential question by members of both the Populist and Silver Republican Committees.

His favor Towne of Kansas. None of the members of the committee for the Democracy spoke, but all of them said they were favorably impressed with Mr. Towne as a candidate. After some further running conversation which came to nothing, it was moved that the conference committee adjourn until 11 o'clock to-night in order to give the other members of the Democratic Committee a chance to be there. But owing to the short interval between the hour of adjournment of the convention and the reassembling of the conference committee it was impossible to gather them in. None of those who remained in the convention until the end had had their dinner and all were tired.

Only the three members who were there at 8 o'clock reappeared. Senator Tillman, chairman of the conference committee, said that it hardly seemed to him worth while to go on with the proceedings. This met the approval of all the conferees. It was then moved that the committee adjourn until 1 o'clock to-morrow morning to meet at the Kansas City Club.

Mr. E. G. Berry, a leading member of the original Committee of Sixteen of the Populists said that it was impossible that the conference could result in anything else than a mere exchange of complimentary remarks. Its proceedings necessarily would be purely perfunctory. The Populists knew just exactly what they wanted, and they would have no one else but Towne. The Silver Republicans were in the same condition. Mr. Brown said that from what he knew of the make-up of the Democratic Committee all or nearly all its members were almost as favorable to Mr. Towne as were the Populists themselves.

But, he added, "there is one thing which is bothering me, and which will in the end be superior to anything the conference may do. And with the full appreciation of that fact I still say that Mr. Towne's chances are as bright, if not brighter, to-night than they have been at any time before."

GOOD-BY, SAY GOLD DEMOCRATS.

Some of Them Glad to Be Compelled to Fight Bryan Again.

Gold Democrats said yesterday that the State had been lost by the action of the convention, when it might have been won for the State ticket by leaving out the financial plank. Ex-Gov. Hoadly of Ohio is one of those Gold Democrats who does not want Bryan at any price. He said yesterday that he felt a kind of joy over the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, as he believed that it meant the certain defeat of Bryan.

"I intend to vote for McKinley and Roosevelt," said Mr. Hoadly, "because the men on it are so much better men than Mr. Bryan can ever be that there is no comparing him with them. Then again I shall vote the Republican ticket because the currency question is one that involves the happiness of every man who lives in this country, and it is the greatest menace to prosperity in the country. The most amusing thing about that convention in Kansas City is the spectacle afforded by Croker and Van Wyck, shouting against the trusts, when they are knee deep in that business themselves. A convention like that at Kansas City, furnished the brains for the trusts, and the trusts furnished the brains for the convention. It is a disgraceful thing, and it is not worth discussing anyway."

Charles R. Flint said that in his opinion the insertion of a silver plank in the Democratic platform was an attempt to turn the world backward. If the men in charge of the convention had any experience at all in financial matters, they would have left out the silver plank. He said that he had read the writings of Samuel J. Tilden, would not support a ticket which stood on a platform containing a plank the only effect of which can be to undermine public confidence, the basis of a country's prosperity. Mr. Flint said that he felt certain that the insertion of the silver plank would result in the defeat of the majority of McKinley and Roosevelt.

Oscar S. Straus, Minister to Turkey, had this to say about the platform: "I regard the silver plank as the logical outcome of Bryanism, and as a Gold Democrat I am glad that the men in Kansas City have stated their creed in plain English; that they have demonstrated their defeat to any other country than the real one. They will thus buy Bryanism, never to rise again. There is only one course left to all Sound Money Democrats—to give their fullest and best support to McKinley and Roosevelt."

A number of other Gold Democrats expressed the same views, although some said they were not so extreme as the others. One of the speakers said that he had read the writings of Samuel J. Tilden, would not support a ticket which stood on a platform containing a plank the only effect of which can be to undermine public confidence, the basis of a country's prosperity. Mr. Flint said that he felt certain that the insertion of the silver plank would result in the defeat of the majority of McKinley and Roosevelt.

The Populist Committee members were J. H. Edmondson, Nebraska; William B. Allen, Nebraska; Senator Harris, Kansas; Senator Pettigrew, South Dakota; Senator Helff, Idaho; Gen. J. B. Weaver, Iowa; T. B. Patterson, Colorado; J. H. Austin, Minnesota; Dr. Taylor, Illinois. The Vice-Presidential nomination can not be determined until the verdict of the Conference Committee is known. Of course the Populists and Silver Republicans and quite a number of the Democrats believe that Charles A. Towne, who was nominated at Sioux Falls by Bryan, is to be the winner for the reason that where he is in this matter, but when the election was taken, Joe was turned upon the Bryan side. There was considerable blood between him and Daniel, partly growing out of the misunderstanding as to the Kentuckian's attitude, and during much of the time that the three Senators were talking their voices floated out on the still night air until they could be heard as far as the convention hall, nearly two blocks away.

When the vote was finally taken Senator Daniel was still advocating free silver, but pleading more earnestly still for Democracy. He accomplished nothing. Bryanism won the day and the convention unanimously and without a word adopted the Bryan platform as it came unanimously out of the Bryan Committee on Resolutions.

Senator Hill learned just before the convention adjourned this afternoon that there would be no minority report from the Committee on Resolutions. He said:

HOW BRYAN TOOK THE NEWS.

SMILED AS HE READ THE MESSAGE TELLING OF HIS NOMINATION.

Then an Enterprising Photographer Took His Picture—Bryan Much Gratified Over the Result of the Platform Fight—Says Practically Imperialism Is the Leading Issue.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 5.—Mr. Bryan got very little sleep last night. He had just retired when a private message from Kansas City was received stating that the Resolutions Committee, still in session, stood 26 to 24 in favor of simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, and that for his own sake he had better exert his influence to secure the nomination of Mr. Bryan. The members of the committee who might be influenced were given to him, and from that time on until after daylight the long-distance telephone between Lincoln and Kansas City was kept in action. The result of Mr. Bryan's seductive voice, even though at long distance, was apparent at 10 o'clock, when a private telegram announced that the committee stood 26 to 24 in favor of the reaffirmation of the money plank of the Chicago platform.

When the convention failed to take up the report of the committee at once on reassembling this morning, but instead listened to numerous speeches, the candidate's face was a worried expression. The same troubled look was there when the convention met again at 8:30 o'clock. A ring at the telephone bell called him away in a few minutes, and when he returned he looked relieved. In a short time the special messages began to announce the stages through which the report of the committee was passing. When the final message came, announcing that the report had been adopted without a dissenting vote, Mr. Bryan, who was sitting on his front porch, was smiling now, and when asked what he had to say produced the following statement, which he had ready:

"I am very much gratified to learn of the adoption of a platform which is clear and explicit on every question. The controversy over the silver plank was not a controversy between men who differed in principle, but rather a difference of opinion as to the best method of stating the question. If we only had differed to deal with a simple reaffirmation would have been sufficient, but we have to deal with the Republicans as well as Democrats and some of the politicians would misconstrue a reaffirmation and endeavor to twist it into an evasion or abandonment of the silver question. Our appeal to the people is to the best method of stating the question. If we only had differed to deal with a simple reaffirmation would have been sufficient, but we have to deal with the Republicans as well as Democrats and some of the politicians would misconstrue a reaffirmation and endeavor to twist it into an evasion or abandonment of the silver question. 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